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Dear Sirs,

The applicant, who received the International Search Report relating to the above identified International Application transmitted on November 28, 2000, hereby files amendment under Article 19(1) as in the attached sheets.

Further, the applicant hereby cancels sheets No. 26-29 entirely, because the intended amendment results in the cancellation of all the claims therein. Thus claims 1, 11, 12, 15, 17-19, 21, 23, 24, 26 and 28 are amended and claims 2-10, 13, 14, 16, 20, 22, 25, 27 and 29 are retained unchanged.

Very truly yours,

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